

71 AIRPLANES FALL IN DAYS' FIGHTING

British Bag 45, French 7, Americans 1 and Germans Claim 18 Victories.

8 BALLOONS DESTROYED

Haig's Night Flying Machines Drop 25 Tons of Bombs on Enemy Centres.

LONDON, May 17.—Air fighting continues on a tremendous scale along the western front, with American aviators participating victoriously in the clashes with the German flyers.

British fighting during the past week has been heavily in the Allies' favor. Between the 9th and the 15th we downed seventy-one enemy planes to nineteen of our own.

The Allied aerial success has been a large factor in bringing the stalemate of the German offensive to a standstill.

The Associated Press correspondent with the British army in France says that twenty-five German planes were wrecked and twelve others shot down out of control.

The ideal flying weather yesterday on the British front in Flanders constituted a bad period for the enemy air service. One British brigade alone up to 3 o'clock in the afternoon had destroyed fifteen German planes and had driven six others down out of control.

During the night ten and a half tons of bombs were dropped on important railway centres, airdromes and billets behind the enemy lines.

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On Tuesday night a number of our aviators occupied by the enemy 26,000 kilograms of projectiles being dropped on railway stations, communications and airdromes.

On the following night 20,000 kilograms were dropped on the same regions of America.

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BOCHE PLANE SHOT DOWN

Lieut. Rickenbacher Was New Air Victory in Foe's Line.

By the Associated Press. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 17.—American aviators in the second northwest of France today shot another German airplane this morning.

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Lieut. Rickenbacher, formerly an automobile racer, was decorated with the French War Cross on Wednesday. He assisted in bringing down a German airplane in enemy territory two weeks ago.

Paris, May 17.—Eugene Gilbert, the French aviator who was killed yesterday when his airplane plunged to the ground at an airdrome.

WOODEN SHIP A DAY IS AVERAGE FOR MAY

30,000 Tons to Be Launched This Month, Say Builders.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Wooden ship construction in the United States promises to break all records for May.

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ARTILLERY POUNDS ALLIED POSITIONS

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position which counts, but the effect of the operations as a whole and the problem of the replacement of man power.

The same official said the estimate made by the Kaiser of 500,000 British casualties was absolutely false.

The Associated Press correspondent with the British army in France says that the Allies are still waiting for Field Marshal von Hindenburg to show his hands.

The delay, the correspondent believes, is in fact an indication that the next German push is to be one of great magnitude and ferocity.

Playing His Last Tramp. If the Germans again fail to achieve their aim along this front there is confidence that they will—their forces will feel any once more, for they believe that if the enemy cannot break through this time he will have played his last trump.

In this connection the assistance of America, fast coming to the rescue, is emphasized.

Dependence is placed at the front on the help of America, and the friendly inquiries as to how American preparations are coming along.

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AVIATOR GILBERT KILLED

French Flier Well Known Before War Started.

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ALLIES GAIN FORCE AS GERMANS DELAY

Reasons for Failure of Kaiser to Attack Are Not Explained.

ARTILLERY BIG FACTOR

Big Guns Hamper Enemy in Bringing Up Men and Supplies.

By PERRY ROBINSON. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun from the London Times.

BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, May 16 (delayed).—We have had two days of perfect summer weather and the country is at its loveliest.

The artillery, of course, is never silent, but it is a demotory, unaccountable sort of activity, a long sustained, harassing fire on the enemy communications and back areas.

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ACCUSED OF RED CROSS THEFTS

Steamboat Captain Held on Charge of Stealing Supplies for Russians.

Frank L. De Noyelles, captain of the steamboat Lighter, which has been in use as a lighter between the pier of New York and Hoboken and transports, was held in \$2,500 bail yesterday by United States Commissioner Samuel M. Hitchcock for the Federal Grand Jury.

When De Noyelles was taken at his home in Main street, Oswego, several hundred dollars worth of sweaters, blankets, surgical instruments and other Red Cross property were found, according to the report of the military intelligence bureau.

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Chinese Students Fear New Treaty

TOKIO, May 13 (Delayed).—Important negotiations between the Japanese and Chinese Governments are making progress.

Baron Goto, the Japanese Foreign Minister, has sent a memorandum to the principal of the Chinese schools in Japan saying that the negotiations with China concern military action against Germany in case of necessity.

GERMANS TO FORCE MORE MARRIAGES

Commission Favors Compulsory Unions Before Twentieth Year.

LONDON, May 17.—The German commission appointed to examine the decline in the birth rate in Germany has reported a recommendation for the compulsory marriage of Germans before their twentieth year is passed.

Financial assistance would be granted by the State, according to this plan, which provides penalties for those failing to marry.

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U. S. AWAKE, SAYS SMUTS

General Asserts He Is Not Doubtful About Issue.

LONDON, May 17.—Participation of the American army in the operations of the British army in France, according to the issue of its own official communiqué, was referred to by Gen. Smuts, speaking in the House of Commons.

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JAPAN'S AID URGED TO RESCUE RUSSIA

British Press Renews Agitation as German Grip on Country Grows in Strength.

CAPITAL IS TAKING HOLD

Industries Bought Up at Panic Prices and Now in the Hands of Teutons.

LONDON, May 17.—As Germany speeds up the financial pillage of Russia, the London press in general is urging the necessity of allied intervention of a prompt nature if the rapid strengthening of the Teutonic grip on that country is to be combated successfully.

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KAISER'S GREED SHOWN

Australia, South Africa and India Once Among His Aims.

LONDON, May 17.—Prof. Charles Scott Sherrington of Oxford has sent the Times a memorandum of a conversation he had at Heidelberg in August, 1907, with Prof. Ernst Theodor Schuler, a theologian of the University of Heidelberg.

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AUSTRIANS KEPT IN DARK ON ALLIANCE

Premier of Hungary Speaks Vaguely Also When Pressed in Parliament.

THREAT OF REVOLUTION

Czech Delegates Warn of Rising if Bohemia Is Made a German District.

AMSTERDAM, May 17.—There is an increasing restlessness in Austria-Hungary over the new alliance made at the meeting of Emperor William and Emperor Charles at German Great Headquarters last Sunday.

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FRENCH DECORATE DR. CARREL

Rockefeller Institute Expert in Legion of Honor Commander.

PARIS, May 17.—Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute has been promoted by the French Government to the rank of Commander of the Legion of Honor.

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GERMANY TO PICK RUMANIAN PREMIER

Teuton Military Governors Will Demand Radical Transformation.

BULGARIANS ARE STIRRED

Oppose Close Affiliation of Conquered Nation With Berlin Rulers.

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ITALIAN FRONT ACTIVE

Artillery Engagements Announced at Several Points.

PARIS, May 17.—Artillery fire continues along the Italian front with few infantry engagements, according to the statements of the Rome and Vienna wires.

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CHINDA SEES GERMAN RUSE

Trying to Break Japan From Allies, Says Ambassador.

SEMENOFF GAINING MANY FOLLOWERS

Cossacks and Buriats Joining Anti-Bolshevik Leader.

By the Associated Press. HARBIN, Manchuria, May 14 (delayed).—The advance into Siberia of Gen. Semenov, the anti-Bolshevik commander, has given a new impetus and he has received substantial reinforcements of Cossacks and Buriats.

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NAVAL FLEET KILLED AT NORFOLK

Naval Flier Killed at Norfolk.

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